

Welzow Airfield

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Information

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1. On 14 February 1953, some van-like trucks were observed around a jet bomber which had made a belly landing at Welzow airfield. The plane was 150 to 200 meters west of the radar set which was on the northern edge of the field. At 11:45 a.m. on 28 February, an IIL-28 plane took off from the field. There was a 1/10 overcast and a visibility of 10 km. Additional take-offs were made by jet bombers in the early afternoon. A biplane and 13 IIL-28 and IIL-28 planes were parked at the field.<sup>1</sup>

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2. the radar set, which was previously located on the northern edge of the field, was about 200 meters southwest of the Welzow-Neupetershain railroad line. 100 to 150 meters northeast of the northern edge of the runway.<sup>2</sup>

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3. On 28 February, about 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in digging AA gun emplacements in the eastern section of the field, along the Welzow-Neupetershain railroad line. Between the spur track and the eastern taxiway, construction work was under way and individual foundation walls of buildings were observed.

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4. In the afternoon of 25 February, 12 aircraft, probably jet bombers were observed in the southwestern corner of the field. Three twin-engine planes, probably B-25s, were also parked at the field. At about 3 p.m., two twin-engine planes landed one after the other and, subsequently, were parked near the other aircraft. Between 3 and 6 p.m., some take-offs were made by a third twin-engine plane which circled over the field. After each landing, the crew was exchanged.<sup>1</sup>

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5. The radar set which was previously located in the northern section of the field was observed about 50 meters west of its previous location. Another radar set was about 200 meters southeast of the northern end of the runway.<sup>2</sup>

6. Between 27 February and 3 March, a shipment with bombs daily arrived in Welzow and was shunted to the spur track of the airfield, where it was unloaded immediately.

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7. On 6 March, 11 aircraft were observed at the field. There was no air activity. AA guns of 76-mm and 37-mm caliber were also observed at the field.

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1. Comment. Welzow airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment which, according to available information, is equipped with about 12 IL-28 planes.

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2. Comment. The radar set on the northern edge of the field is an AA type set which is located near the AA gun emplacement. The radar set located southeast of the northern edge of the runway was of the Dumbo type.

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